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SUBJECT: FIRST SOVIET MEDIA COVERAGE OF MAURITANIAN

EVENTS: POSITIVE, BUT CAUTIOUS

1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) JULY 11 PRAVDA CARRIES BRIEF  
TASS PARIS ITEM ON EVENTS IN MAURITANIA. IN A POSI-  
TIVE BUT CAUTIOUS MANNER, TASS NOTES BARE FACTS OF  
SEIZURE OF POWER BY "MILITARY COMMITTEE OF NATIONAL  
REVIVAL," ARREST OF PRESIDENT DADDAH,  
ABROGATION OF CONSTITUTION, AND DISSOLUTION OF GOVERN-  
MENT, PARLIAMENT, AND PARTY OF MAURITANIAN PEOPLE.  
TASS THEN CITES RADIO STATEMENT OF NEW RULING GROUP  
TO EFFECT THAT, AS RESULT OF EVENTS OF JULY 10, AN  
END HAS BEEN PUT TO THE FORMER "ANTI-NATIONAL,  
ANTI-POPULAR, VENAL REGIME." (END UNCLASSIFIED)

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2. COMMENT: MOSCOW WILL SURELY WANT TO CAREFULLY  
EXAMINE THE BACKGROUND, THE MOTIVATION, AND THE PROS-  
PECTS FOR SUCCESS OF THE LEADERS OF THE NEW REGIME IN  
MAURITANIA BEFORE MAKING ANY DEFINITIVE JUDGMENTS. A  
KEY FACTOR IN THAT REGARD WILL BE THE REGIME'S ATTITUDE  
TOWARD FRENCH AFRICAN POLICY, PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH

MILITARY PRESENCE IN MAURITANIA AND IN THE REGION. IN THAT REGARD, TASS' CITATION OF THE NEW REGIMES' CHARACTERIZATION OF THE DADDAAH REGIME INDICATES THAT MOSCOW AT LEAST HOPES THAT THE NEW REGIME WILL TAKE A JAUNDICED VIEW TOWARD MAURITANIAN-FRENCH COOPERATION.

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